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SUBJ: PRESIDENT OF MALI APPEALS TO PRESIDENT NIXON ON MIDDLE
EAST

1. CHARGE WAS CALLED TO THE MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OCT 18 BY THE CHIEF OF THE POLITICAL DIVISION
ARMAND SANGARE AND HANDED TWO MESSAGES FROM MALI
PRESIDENT TRAORE TO PRESIDENT NIXON WITH A REQUEST THAT
THEY BE TRANSMITTED IMMEDIATELY. THE FIRST URGES THE
"TWO SUPERPOWERS" TO COOPERATE IN FINDING AN EQUITABLE
SOLUTION TO THE MIDDLE EAST WAR AND THE SECOND MESSAGE
NOTES THAT U.S. MILITARY INTERVENTION IN THE MIDDLE
EAST WAR WOULD PRECIPITATE A GENERAL WAR AND APPEALS TO
THE U.S. TO "PLAY IN THIS CONFLICT THE NOBLE ROLE THAT
HUMANITY EXPECTS OF IT". EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF FRENCH
TEXTS FOLLOWS:

2. MESSAGE NO 112 FROM PRESIDENT TRAORE TO PRESIDENT
NIXON DATED OCT 17:

QTE FACED WITH THE ALARMING DEVELOPMENT OF THE SERIOUS
CRISIS NOW DIVIDING THE MIDDLE EAST, THE PEOPLE AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF MALI FEEL IT IS THEIR DUTY TO EXPRESS
THROUGH ME THEIR VERY DEEP CONCERN. MORE THAN EVER
WORLD PEACE SEEMS TO BE MENACED AND MORE THAN EVER ALL
NATIONS BECOME AWARE OF THE DANGERS RISKED BY HUMANITY
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AND MUST DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO WARD IT OFF. THE TWO
SUPERPOWERS IN PARTICULAR, BY REASON OF THE SPECIFIC

RESPONSIBILITIES THEY ASSUME, HAVE THE PRESSING OBLIGATION TO COMBINE THEIR EFFORTS IN THIS DIRECTION AND TO APPLY THEMSELVES TO AT LAST FINDING A JUST AND EQUITABLE SOLUTION TO THE MIDDLE EAST DRAMA, THE ONLY MEANS LIKELY TO LEAD TO THE FINAL REESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE IN THAT PART OF THE WORLD. THUS, THIS PRESSING APPEAL THAT THE MALIAN PEOPLE, THE MILITARY COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION, THE GOVERNMENT AND MYSELF SEND TO YOUR EXCELLENCY WITH THE HOPE THAT IT WILL BE HEARD. WITH HIGHEST CONSIDERATION, COLONEL MOUSSA TRAORE UNQTE.

3. MESSAGE NO. 113 FROM PRESIDENT TRAORE TO PRESIDENT NIXON DATED OCT 17:

QTE THE SERIOUS CRISIS WHICH CURRENTLY DIVIDES THE MIDDLE EAST IS A MATTER OF PROFOUND CONCERN TO ALL HUMANITY. EACH COUNTRY AND EACH PEOPLE FEEL THEMSELVES CONCERNED SINCE WORLD PEACE HAS NEVER BEEN SO DIRECTLY MENACED. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN ITS CAPACITY AS A SUPERPOWER AND IN VIEW OF ITS SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH THIS IMPOSES HAS A DUTY TO TAKE PART IN A RAPID AND JUST SOLUTION TO THE WAR BY USING ITS POWERFUL DIPLOMATIC RESOURCES. ANY AMERICAN MILITARY INTERVENTION COULD BUT PRECIPITATE THE WORLD INTO A NEW GENERAL WAR, WITH EXTREMELY GRAVE CONSEQUENCES OF INCALCULABLE RESULTS, AT THE SAME TIME SERIOUSLY BLEMISHING THE NOBLE IDEALS OF PEACE, JUSTICE AND LIBERTY OF YOUR GREAT PEOPLE. THE MALIAN PEOPLE, THE MILITARY COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION AND I ARDENTLY WISH THAT REASON AND WISDOM WILL WIN IN THE END AND THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL IN THIS CONFLICT PLAY THE NOBLE ROLE THE WORLD EXPECTS OF IT. WITH HIGHEST CONSIDERATION, COLONEL MOUSSA TRAORE UNQTE

4. COMMENT: CHARGE READ THE MESSAGES AND COMMENTED TO SANGARE THAT THE U.S. WAS WORKING WITH ALL POWERS CONCERNED TO BRING AN END TO THE WAR. CHARGE TOOK OCCASION TO URGE GOM TO REPORT ACCURATELY STATEMENTS BY PRESIDENT NIXON POINTING OUT THAT RECENT ARTICLE THAT APPEARED IN GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER, L'ESSOR, HAD HEADLINED ARTICLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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WITH ALLEGED QUOTE BY PRESIDENT NIXON, "THE UNITED STATES READY TO INTERVENE MILITARILY TO PROTECT ISRAEL." CHARGE TOLD SANGARE THAT OUR PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER HAD ALREADY PROTESTED THIS MISREPRESENTATION TO NEWSPAPER EDITOR AND EMPHASIZED THAT PRESIDENT NIXON HAD NEVER SAID THESE WORDS. CHARGE SAID THAT PRESIDENT NIXON HAD EMPHASIZED U.S. DEDICATION TO PRINCIPLE THAT ALL COUNTRIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST SHOULD BE SECURE IN THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY. SANGARE SAID THAT HE WOULD INVESTIGATE ARTICLE AND TRANSMIT EMBASSY'S CONCERN ABOUT L'ESSOR

ARTICLE TO GOM. ARTICLE IN QUESTION WAS WORD FOR WORD
TRANSLATION OF AFP ARTICLE ORIGINATING IN WASHINGTON
WITH ONE SENTENCE LIFTED FROM TEXT AND PLACED IN QUOTES.
EMBASSY BELIEVES PRESIDENT TRAORE'S MESSAGES COUCHED
IN MILD LANGUAGE CONSIDERING THAT MALI IS FERVENT
SUPPORTER ARAB CAUSE IN MIDDLE EAST.
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